

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Bagchi et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2154**  
Serial No.: **10/698,880** § Examiner: **Mohamed A. Wasel**  
Filed: **October 31, 2003** § Attorney Docket No.: **YOR920030042US2**  
For: **Dynamic Online Multi-Parameter**  
**Optimization System and Method for**  
**Autonomic Computing Systems** §

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of Claims** begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 4** of this paper.